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SensorLab VESNA open source development environment setup guide for Windows based development

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1 Introduction

The setup and usage of the open source development environment for the VESNA platform is described in this document. This manual is for Windows based development and has been successfully tested on Windows 7 and 8, 32bit and 64bit versions.

1.1 Overview of the installation process

1. Install Cygwin
2. Install CodeBench tool-chain
3. Install OpenOCD
4. Install ST Flash Loader Demonstrator (Optional)
5. Install Eclipse
6. Install Eclipse plug-ins (tool-chain support, debugging support, ...)
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8. Download VESNA repository, build and debug

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List of Abbreviations

IDE	Integrated Development Environment
SNC	Sensor Node Core module
MRAM	Magnetoresistive random-access memory

2 Install Cygwin

Cygwin is a Linux-like environment for Windows. It is needed because the build process of the projects require some Linux specific commands that Cygwin provides. You can download it from <http://cygwin.com/>. The version at the time of writing was 1.7.30. You can install it with default options. Make sure you add the "*C:\install\dir\cygwin\bin*" to your system PATH. You do this by going to Control Panel and clicking on System. Got to *Advanced system settings* → *Environment Variables*.

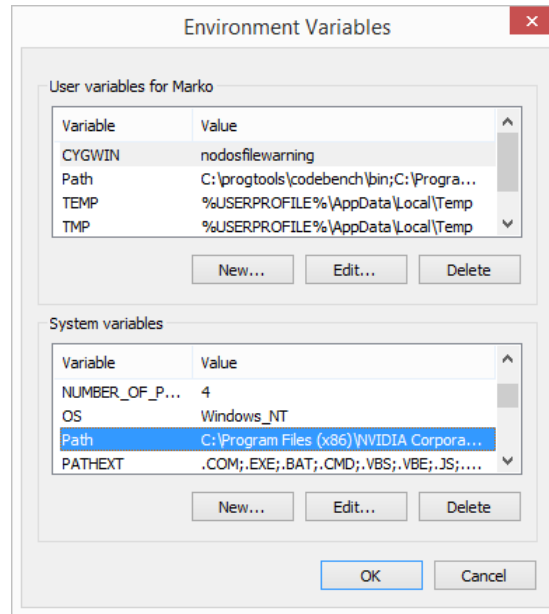


Figure 1: Selecting the PATH environment variable

Now find the variable *PATH* in the *System Variables* window, select it and click edit (Figure 1).

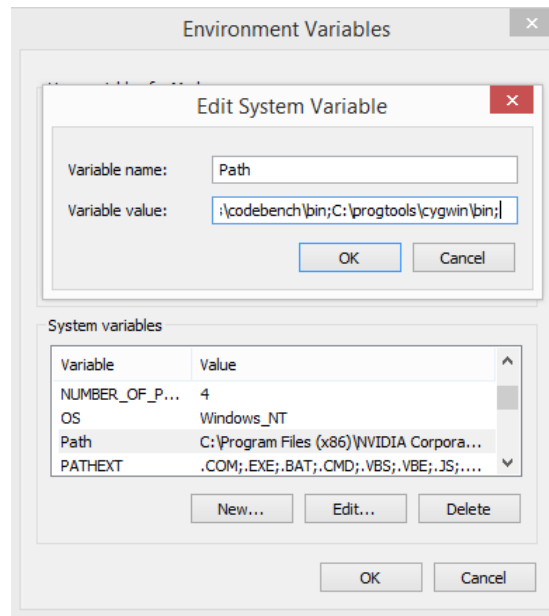


Figure 2: Add new path to PATH variable

At the end of the string of paths in "*Variable value*" field add a semicolon (;) and the path to Cygwin install directory like in Figure 2. Make sure not to delete any preexisting paths. Click *OK*.

3 Install Sourcery CodeBench tool-chain

The tool-chain contains the compiler linker and debugger for ARMv7M software development. The tool-chain can be download from <http://www.mentor.com/embedded-software/sourcery-tools/sourcery-codebench/editions/lite-edition/arm-eabi>. You have to provide your name and e-mail. A download link will be sent to you via e-mail. Select the "*Sourcery CodeBench Lite 2013.11-24*" release. Newer releases may also work but were not tested at the time of writing. Start the installation.

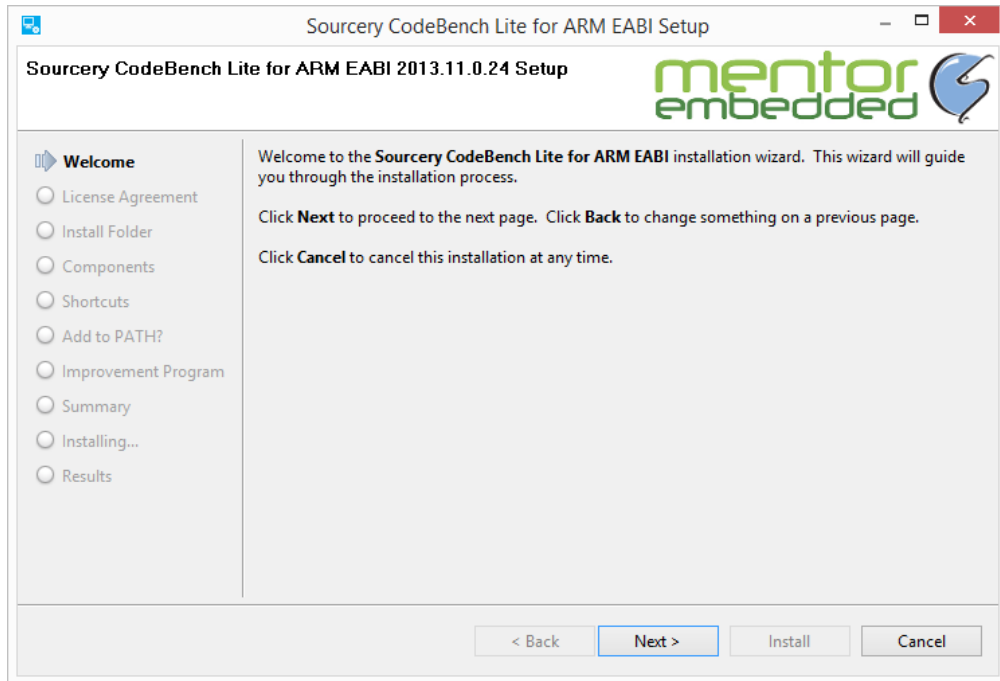


Figure 3: Tool-chain installation welcome window

Chose an install path with no spaces (spaces can cause problems with Eclipse, and the debugger) (Figure 3).

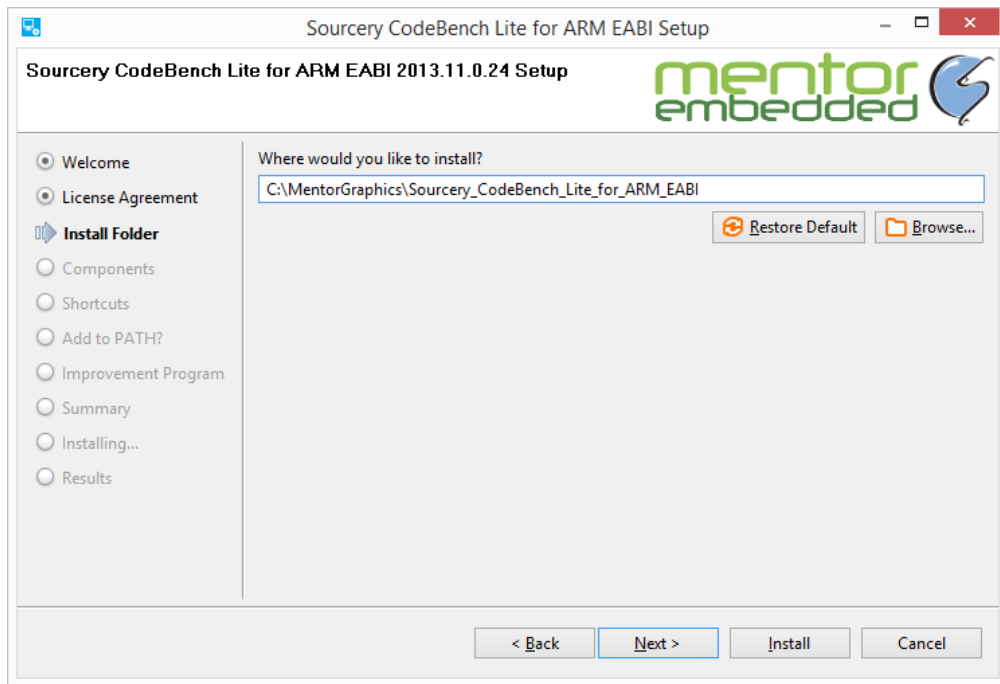


Figure 4: Modify PATH for all users

Select *"Modify PATH for current users"* (Figure 4). Finish the installation. Make sure that path to the tool-chain was added to *System PATH*.

4 Install OpenOCD

OpenOCD is the interface between the hardware JTAG and the debugger, the current stable version is 0.8.0. It can be build from source or a precompiled binary can be downloaded from <http://www.freddiechopin.info/en/download/category/4-openocd>. Select the 0.8.0 version. Unzip the folder where you want to place OpenOCD. Make sure that the installation path does not contain any spaces or non-US characters. Then go to the unzip folder and rename it from *OpenOCD-0.8.0* to *OpenOCD*. Go to sub-folder *bin* or *bin-x64* (depending on your system, 32bit or 64bit Windows) and rename *openocd*.exe* to *openocd.exe*. Add the *bin* or *bin-x64* (again, depending on your system) folder to your *System PATH*.

5 Install ST Flash Loader Demonstrator (Optional)

The Flash Loader can upload software to target microcontroller using only a com port. It can upload binary .bin or .s19 images. This is useful for programing SNC when JTAG can not be used, for instance when using the on-board MRAM. The Flash loader can be downloaded from ST ST Flash Loader Demonstrator. To initialize the on-board bootloader you must push and hold the button on the SNC for more then 5 seconds. Then use the Flash loader to connect and upload the software.

6 Install Eclipse IDE

Before installing Eclipse you must have the latest 32bit *Java Run-time Environment* installed. You can find it at <https://www.java.com/en/>.

6.1 Install Eclipse

Eclipse can be downloaded from <http://www.eclipse.org/downloads/>. The newest release at the time of writing was Kepler (4.3). Newer releases may also work but are not yet tested. Select the "*Eclipse IDE for C/C++ Developers*" 32bit version and download it. Eclipse does not need installation, just unzip in a desired location and run it. Start Eclipse now. You are prompted for workspace location (Figure 5), this is were the settings are stored. You can select the default location. Make sure the path name does not contain any non-US characters and spaces.

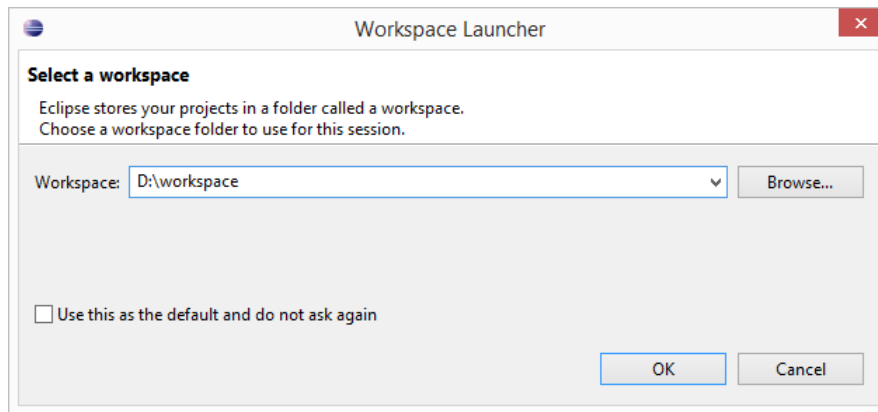


Figure 5: Eclipse workspace prompt

You are presented with a welcome window (Figure 6).

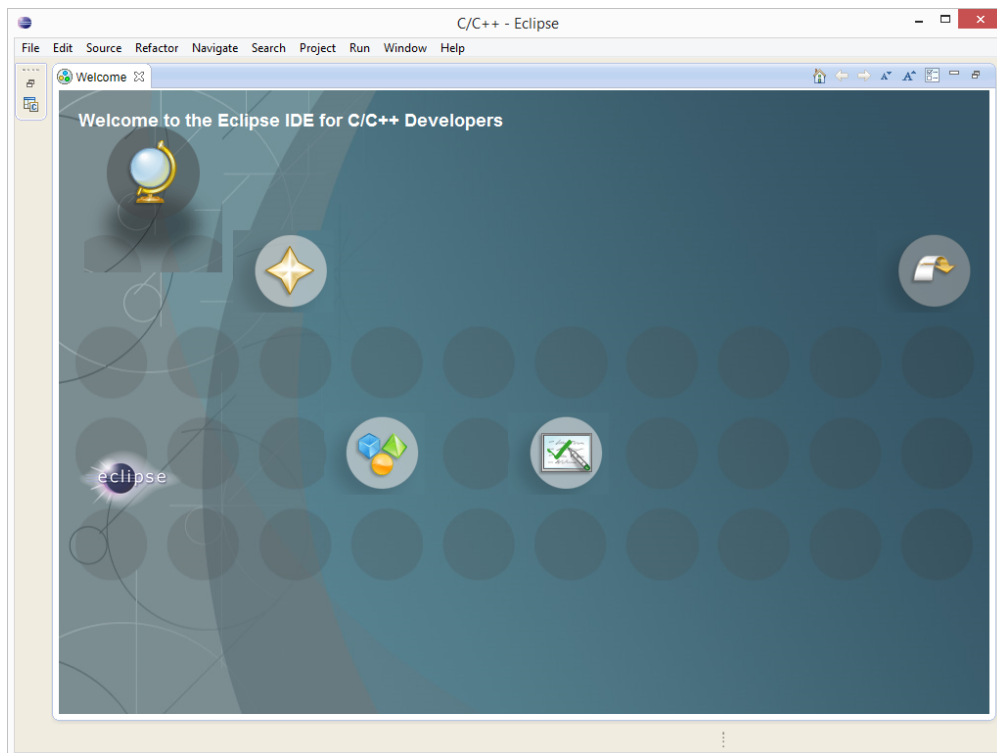


Figure 6: Eclipse welcome window

Now you have to install some plug-ins.

6.2 Install the GNU ARM Development support

Go to *Help* → *Install new software...* window and paste this URL "<http://gnuarmclipse.sourceforge.net/updates>" to the "*Work with*" line (Figure 7). Install the plug-in.

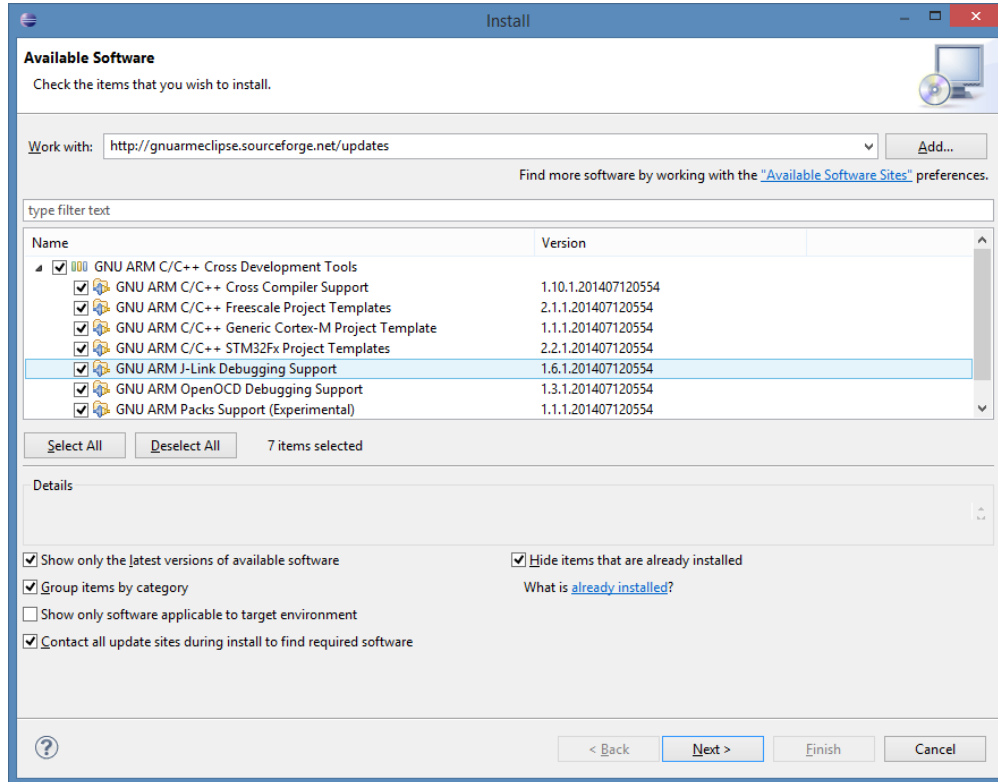


Figure 7: Install GNU ARM development support

This plug-in adds automatic makefile creation capabilities and tool-chain preconfiguration to Eclipse. It supports various opensource tool-chains.

6.3 Install the Zylind CDT plug-in

To install the Zylind CDT plug-in go again to the "Install new software" window and paste this URL "<http://opensource.zylin.com/zylincdt>" select the plug-in and install it (Figure 8).

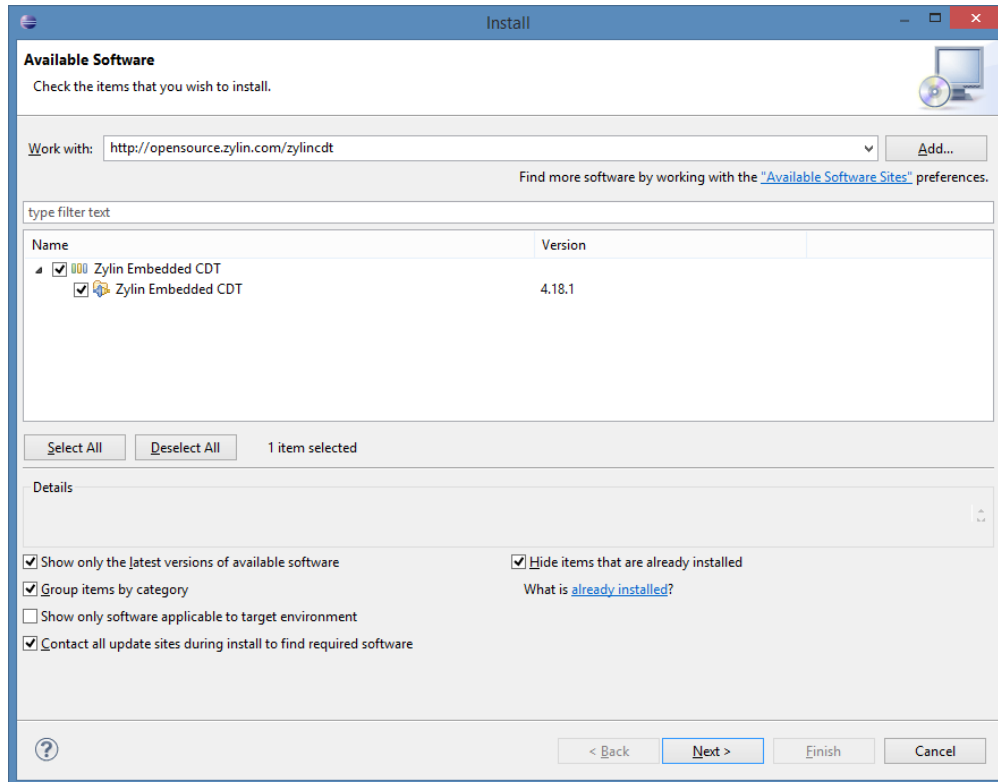


Figure 8: Install the Zylin Embedded CDT

The Zylin CDT plug-in enables Eclipse to communicate with GDB debugger.

6.4 Install the EmbSys peripheral register view plug-in

To install the EmbSys peripheral register view plug-in go to the "Install new software" window and paste this URL "<http://embsysregview.sourceforge.net/update>" select the plug-in and install it (Figure 9).

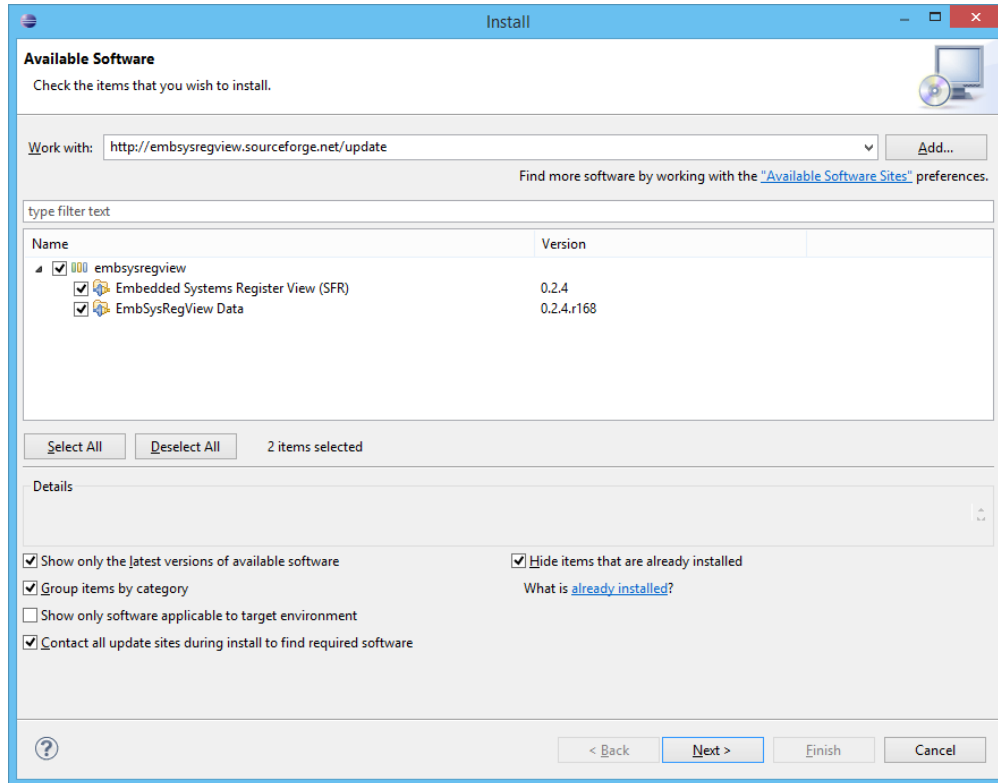


Figure 9: EmbSys Register View plug-in installation

After installation go to *Window* → *Preferences* → *C/C++* → *Debug* → *EmbSys Register view* to setup the plug-in. For *Architecture* select *cortex m3*, for *Vendor* select *STMicro* and for *Chip* select *STM32F10x-HD-VL* click *OK* (Figure 10). To add the plug-in into a view go to *Window* → *Show View* → *Other...* → *Debug* and select *EmbSys Register*. Now you can view and change the peripheral registers of the microcontroller when debugging (Figure 11).

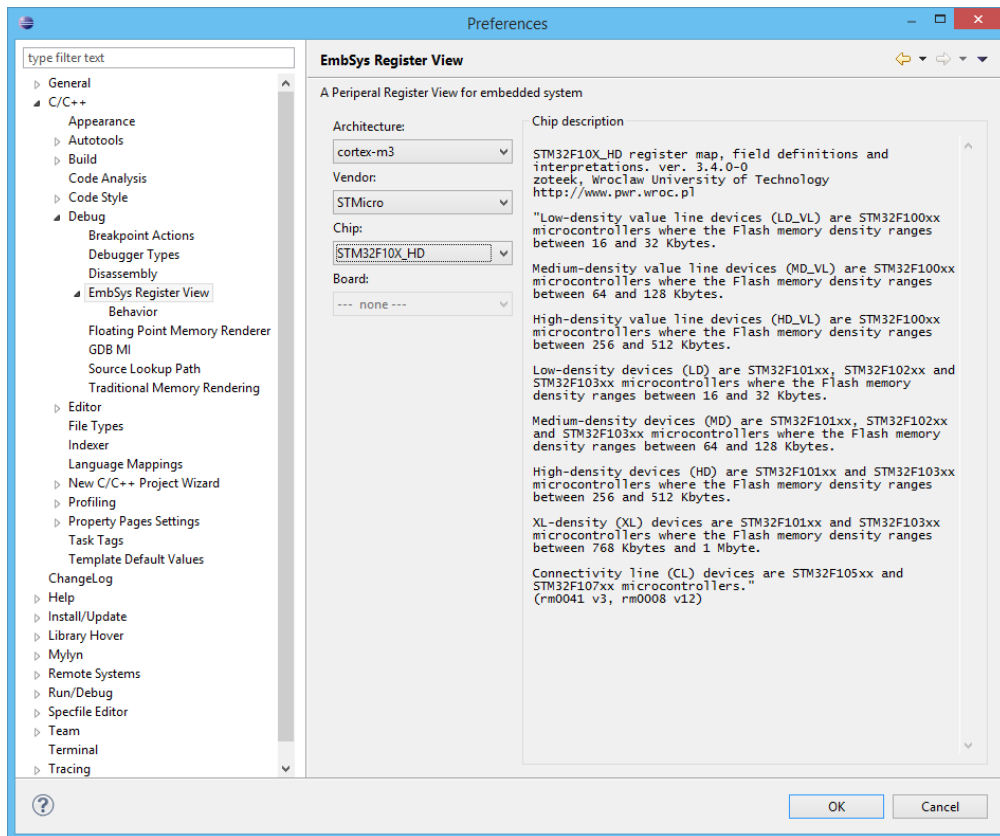


Figure 10: EmbSys Register View setup

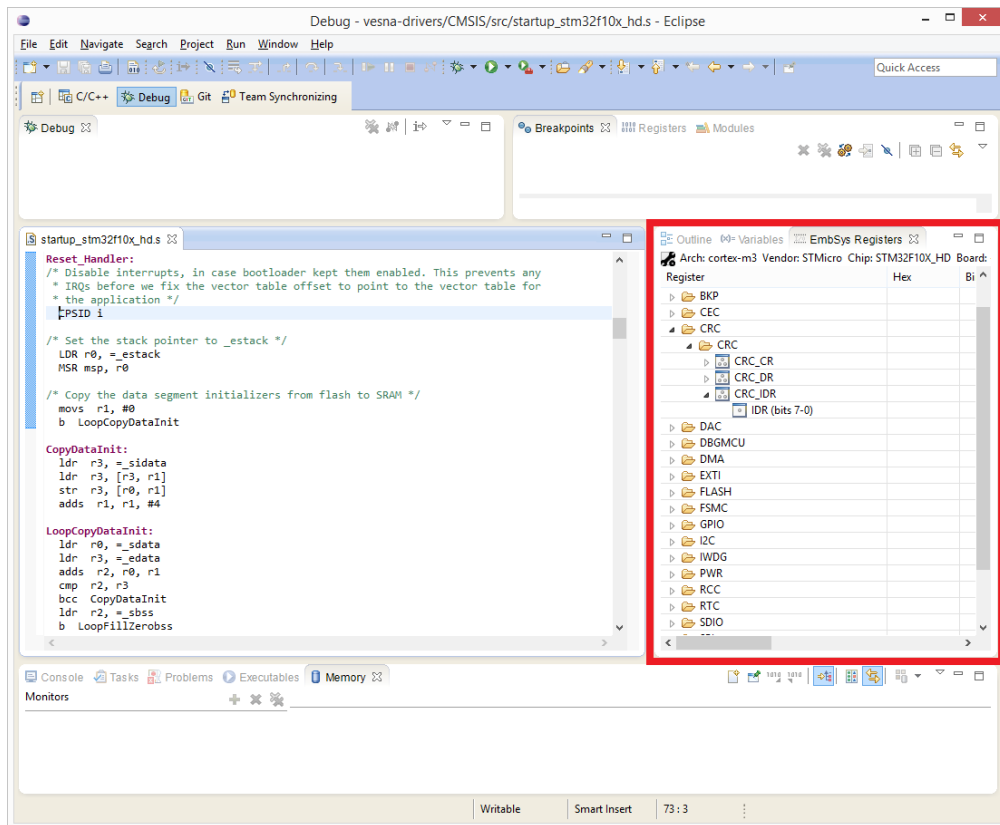


Figure 11: EmbSys Register view (red square)

6.5 Configure Eclipse Git client

A Git client is already included in the base installation of Eclipse, you just need to configure it. Open *Preferences* and navigate to *Team* \rightarrow *Git* \rightarrow *Configuration* and add two new keys, email and name (Figure 12). You can use your Github credentials.

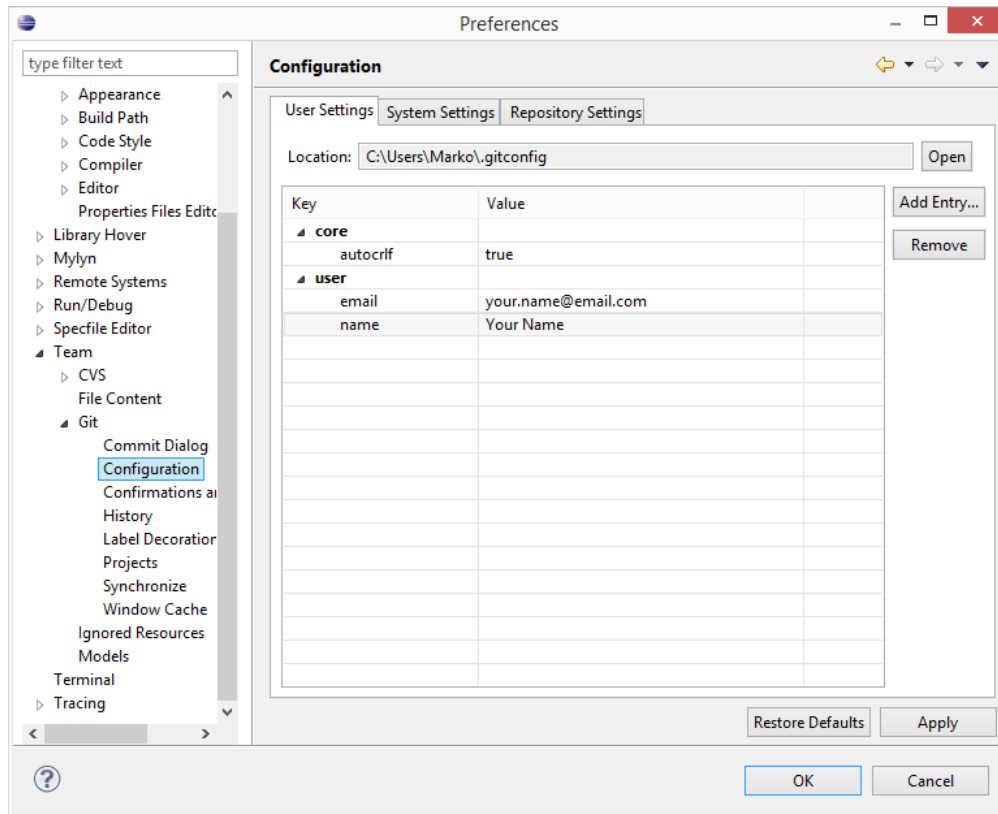


Figure 12: Eclipse Git client configuration

7 Connection of the debugger interface and installation of drivers

In this section the installation of the ST-LINK/V2 hardware debugger interface is explained.

1. First go to <http://www.st.com/web/catalog/tools/FM146/CL1984/SC724/SS1677/PF251168>, scroll down to the *"Related Tools and Software"* section and download the appropriate USB driver for your Windows version (STSW-LINK003 for Win 7 or STSW-LINK006 for Win 8). Unzip the downloaded file.
2. Now connect the debugger interface ST-LINK/V2 to the PC. Windows will not find the correct drivers for the debugger interface. Go to *"Device Manager"* and install the drivers manually.
3. Go to *"Other devices"* tab and look for an unknown device named *"STM32 STLink"* (Figure 13).

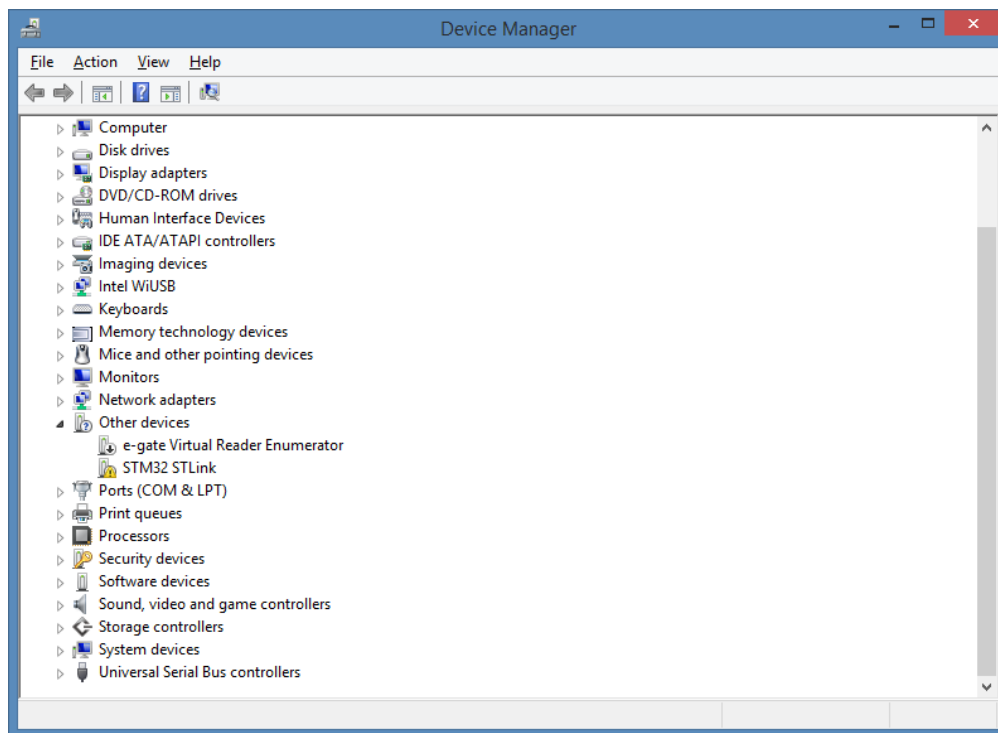


Figure 13: Device Manager when STLink is connected for the first time

4. Right-click on it and click *"Update Driver Software..."*
5. In the new window click on *"Browse my computer for driver software"* (Figure 14)

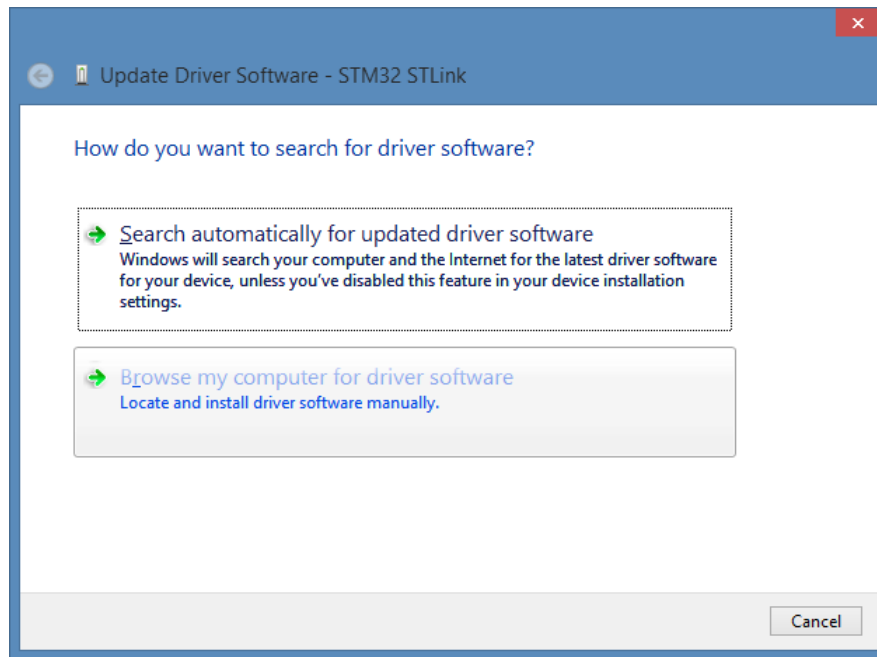


Figure 14: Select method to find driver for STLink

6. Browse to location where you've unzip the previously downloaded driver (Figure 15). Click next and the installation will start.

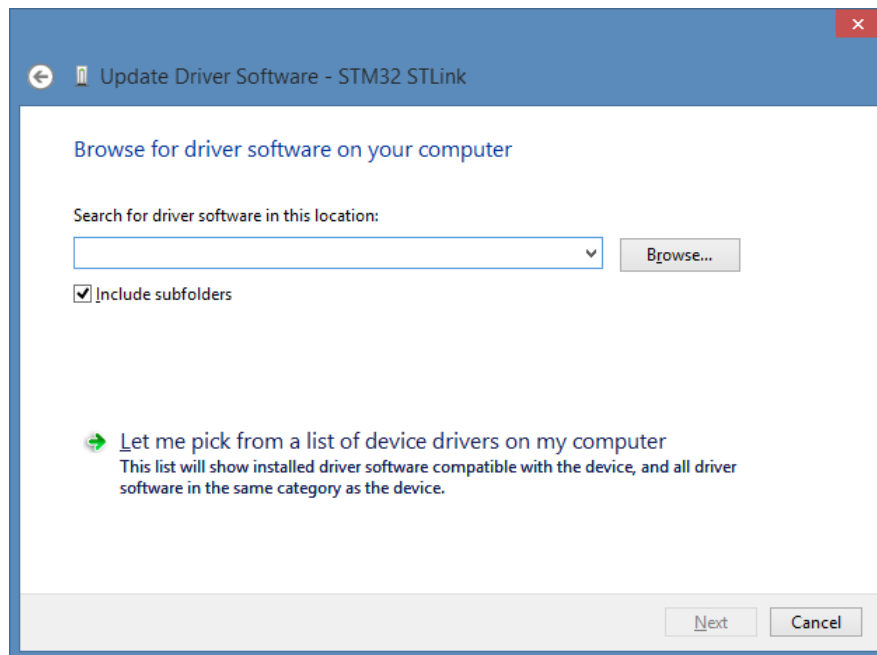


Figure 15: Browse to driver location

7. The driver is now installed (Figure 16).

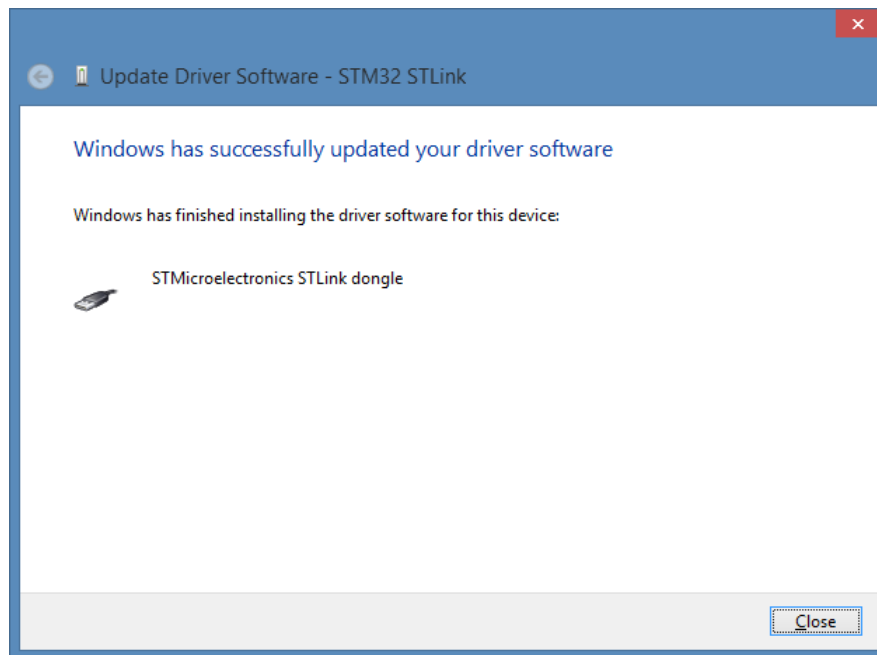


Figure 16: Driver installation complete

8 Download VESNA repository, Build and Debug

This chapter explains how to configure the Git plug-in, download the *"vesna-drivers"* repository, compile the source code, upload the build binary file to SNC and start a debug session. A Github (<https://github.com/>) account and access to the *"vesna-drivers"* repository is a prerequisite for the completion of this section. This guide does not cover the proper usage of Git or Github.

8.1 Download VESNA repository from Github

In Eclipse open the *"Git"* perspective. You can see that there are no available repositories. You can add the *"vesna-drivers"* repository by clicking on *"Clone a Git repository"* (Figure 17).

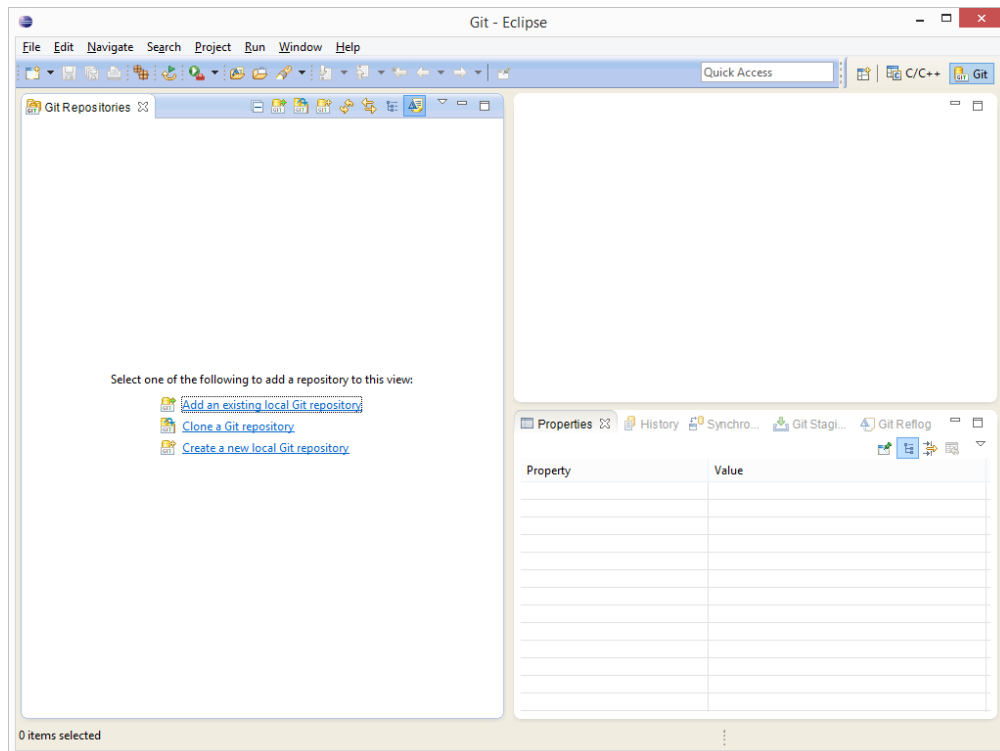


Figure 17: Git perspective in Eclipse

Copy the repository URI: <https://github.com/sensorlab/vesna-drivers.git> to the URI field (Figure 18). The other field in Location frame should auto-complete. Fill in *username* and *password* of your Github account in the *"Authentication"* frame. Click Next.

Clone Git Repository

Source Git Repository
Enter the location of the source repository.

Location

URI: Local File...

Host:

Repository path:

Connection

Protocol: ▼

Port:

Authentication

User:

Password:

Store in Secure Store ☐

? < Back Next > Finish Cancel

Figure 18: Git repository location and credentials

Now you will be presented with a branch selection window. Select only the *"master"* branch as it is the most current (Figure 19). Click Next.

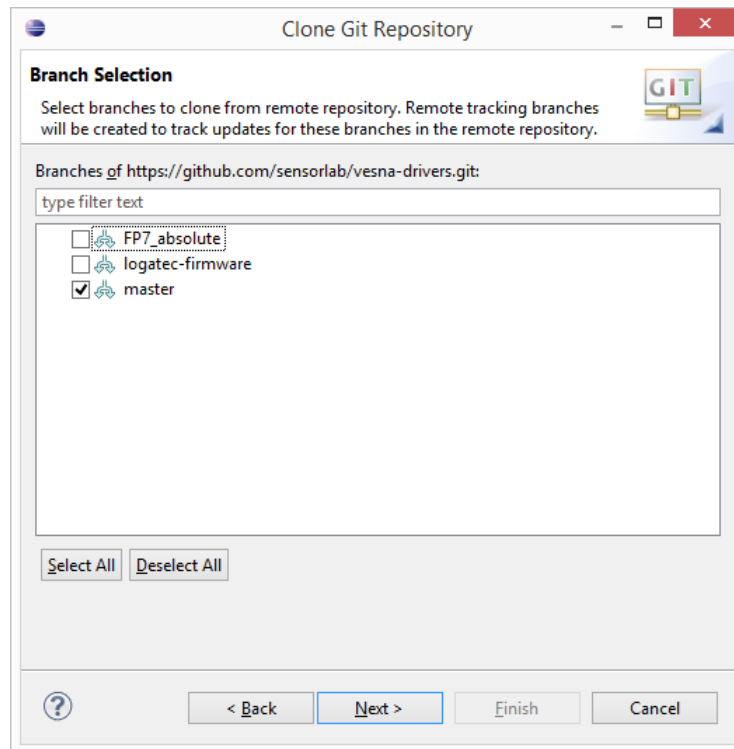


Figure 19: Git repository branch selection

Now you must select the destination where the files will be stored. This can be any location but the path may not contain spaces and non-US characters (Figure 20). Change the "Remote name" to "upstream". Click Next to start the cloning process, this may take a minute or two.

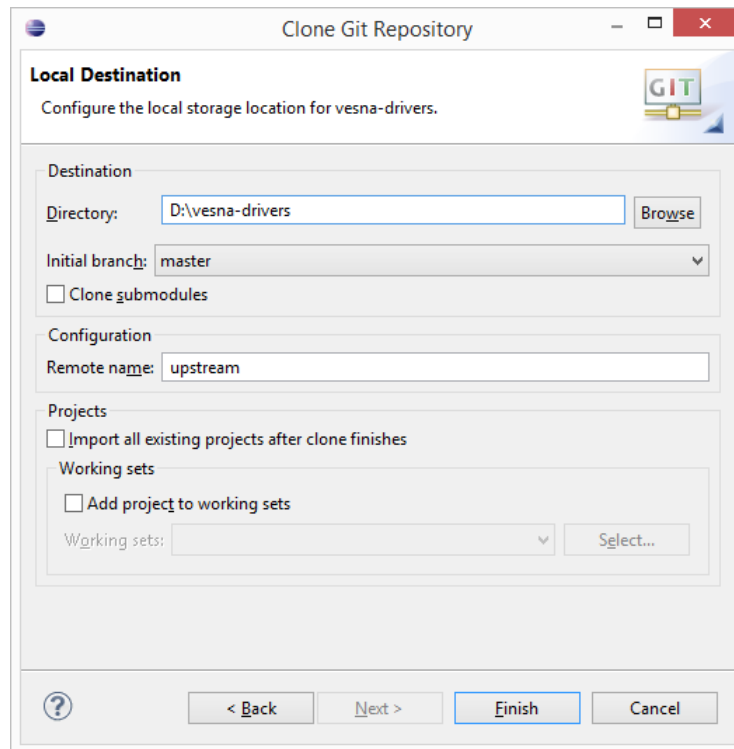


Figure 20: Git repository local destination

8.2 Import project

Now that the repository has been cloned you have to import it to Eclipse workspace. Right-click on the *"vesna-drivers"* repository in *Git* perspective and select *"Import Projects..."*. Select *"Use the New project wizard"* and click *Finish* (Figure 21).

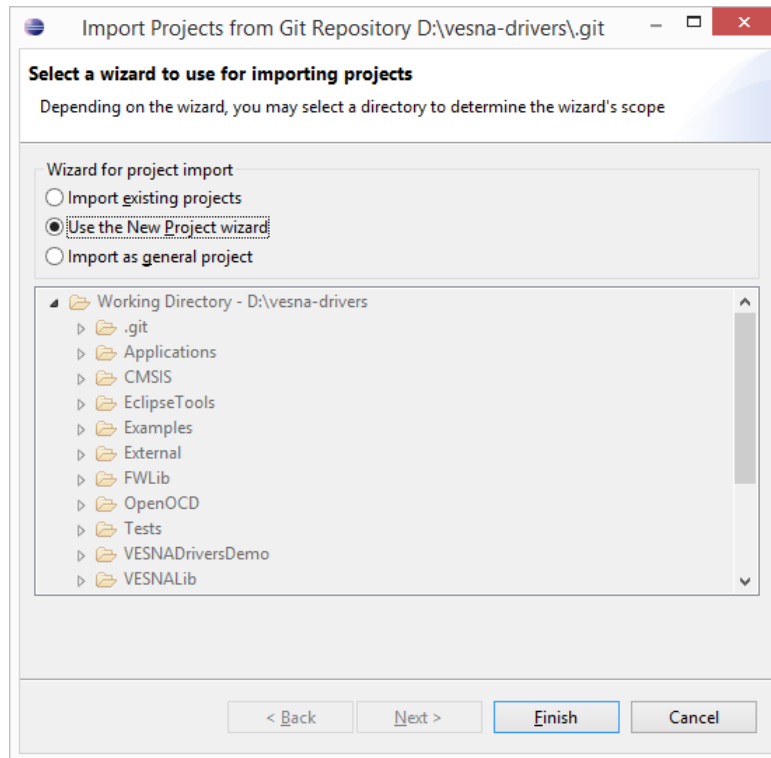


Figure 21: Project import wizard selection

Now a new window opens. Select *"C/C++ → Makefile project with Existing Code"* and click *Next* (Figure 22).

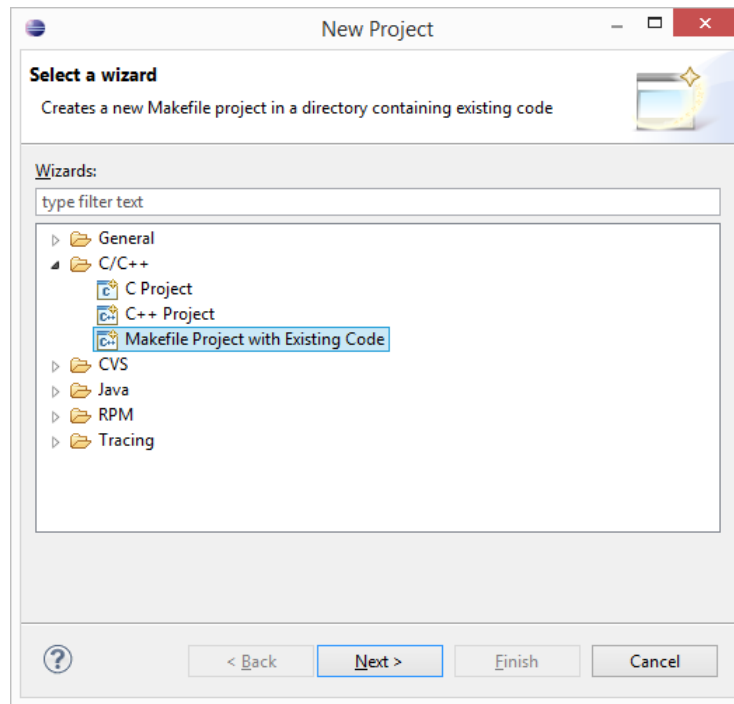


Figure 22: New project type selection

Name the project *"vesna-drivers"*, browse to the code location, select both C and C++ as the Language and select *"Cross ARM GCC"* as the tool-chain (Figure 23). The code is located in the directory you have selected as the Git repository location. Click *Finish*.

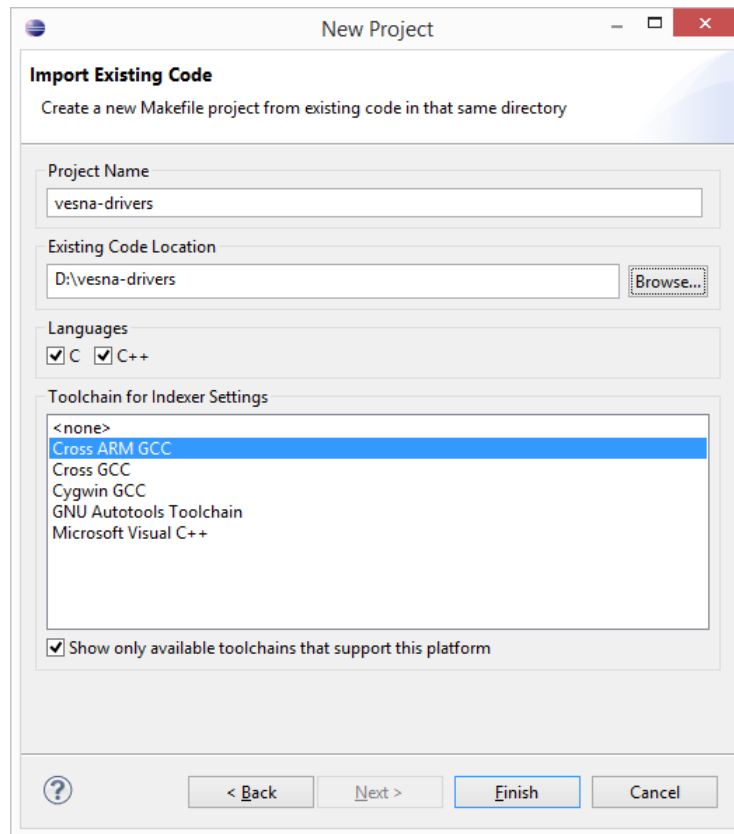


Figure 23: Import existing code window

Switch to the "C/C++" perspective. You can now see the project structure in "Project Explorer".

8.3 Configure the project

In "Project Explorer" right click on the top folder (vesna-drivers) and left-click on "Properties". Go to *C/C++ Build* → *Settings* and change the "Name" field under "Toolchains" to "Sourcery CodeBench Lite for ARM EABI (arm-none-eabi-gcc)" (Figure 24).

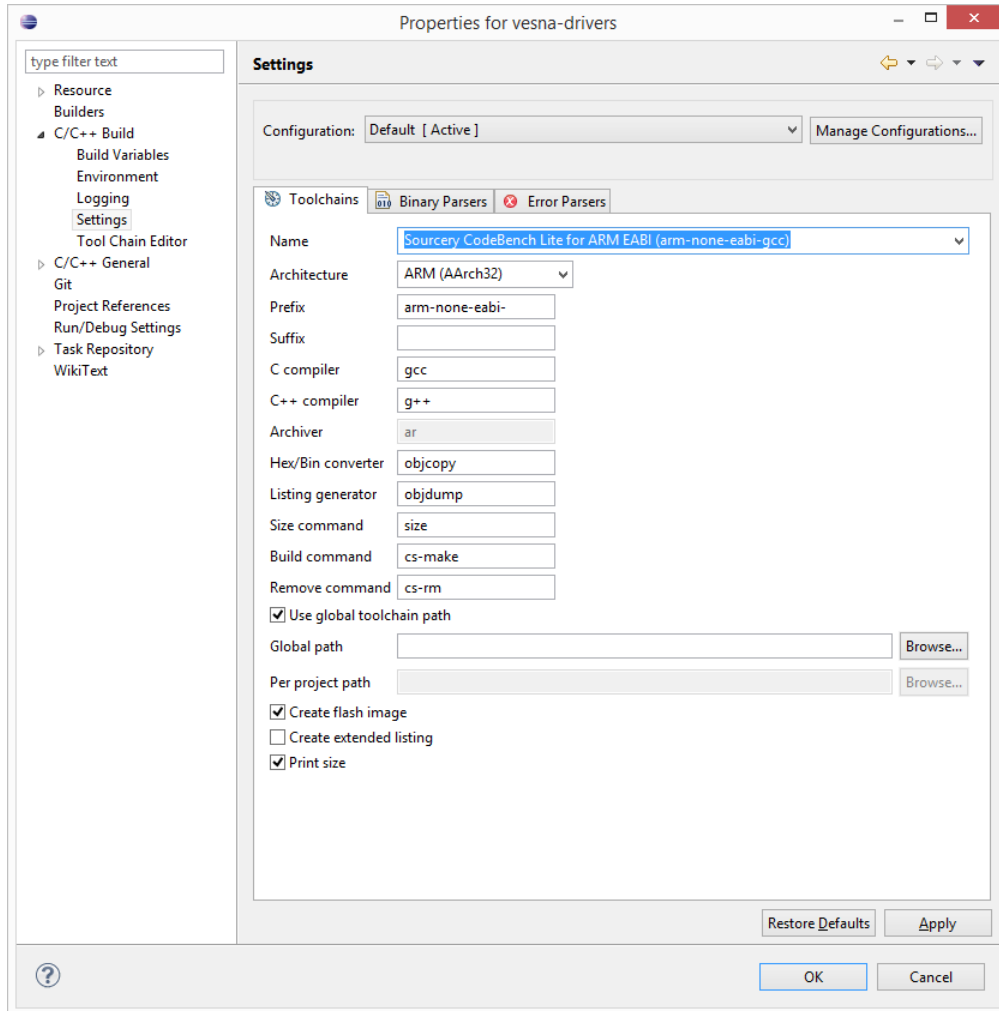


Figure 24: Project tool-chain settings

Go to "C/C++ General" and tick the "Enable project specific settings" box and select "Doxygen" as the documentation tool (Figure 25).

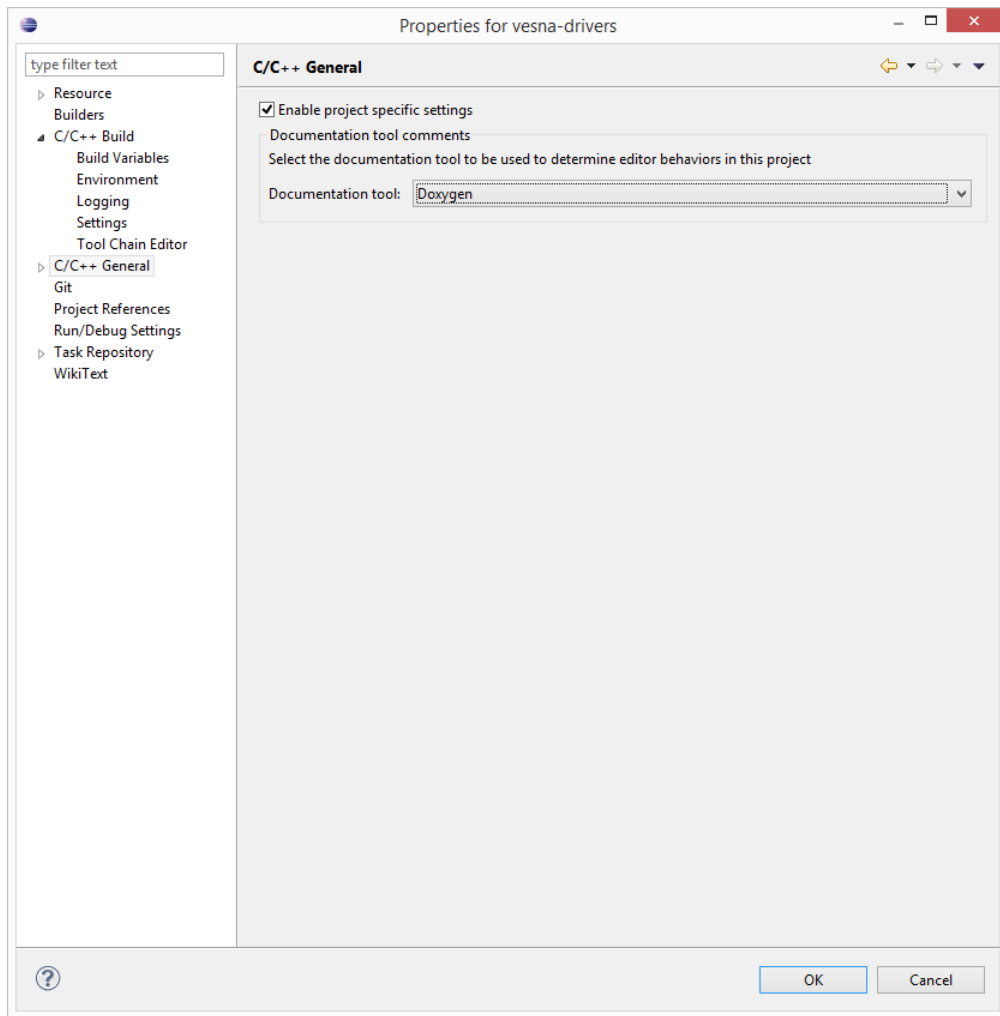


Figure 25: Documentation tool settings

The basic project configuration is now complete. When working with Git the project configuration files are ignored and are not changed when you switch between different commits or branches. In general project import and configuration must be done only when the repository is cloned for the first time.

8.4 Compile the source

Go to "C/C++" perspective and in "Project Explorer" open the "VESNADriversDemo" folder. This is the demo project you will compile and upload to SNC (Figure 26).

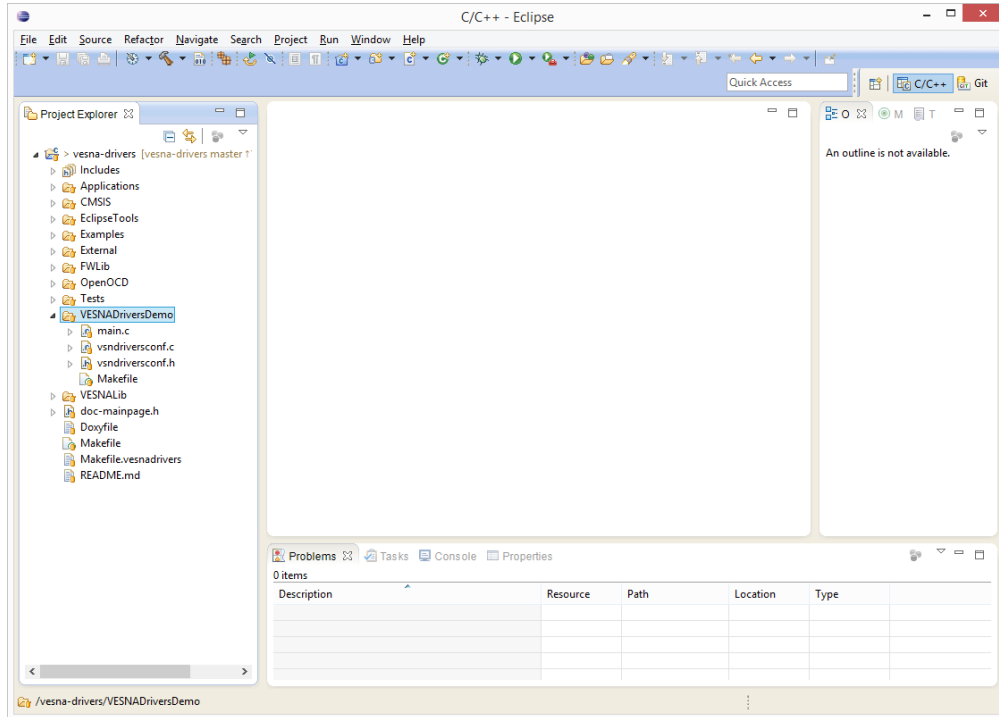


Figure 26: C/C++ perspective demo project

The makefile system configures the code build process and all the needed files are build automatically. So that the build system knows what to build and how you need to pass it the correct make targets. The two basic targets are "all" and "clean" which build the project or remove all the build process files respectively. Each project has at least two files "main.c" and "Makefile". The file "main.c" is the source of the main application code and the file "Makefile" is part of the build system. To compile the code you have to append make targets to the "Makefile". You do this by right-clicking on the "Makefile" and left-click on *Make Targets* → *Create...* and fill in the "Target name" first "all" and then do the same thing for "clean" (Figure 27).

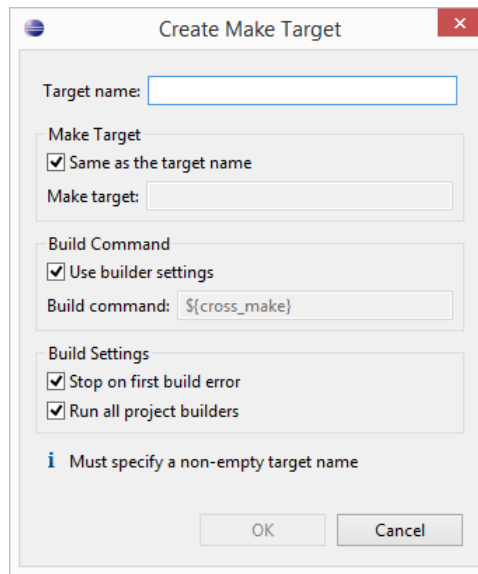


Figure 27: Create make target

Find the *"Make Target"* tab on the right side (Figure 28). The folder structure is the same as in *"Project Explorer"* but there are no files only make targets. To see the make targets you have just created open the *"VESNADriversDemo"* folder. Double-click on the *"all"* make target and the project will start building. You can follow the build process in the *"Console"* tab at the bottom of the Eclipse window (Figure 29).

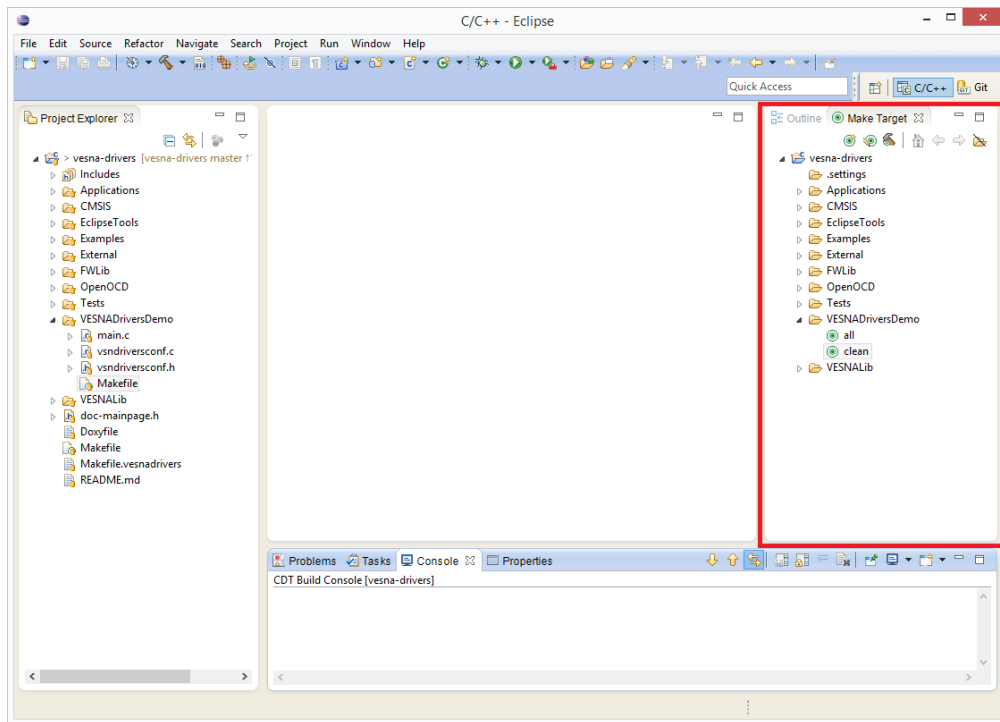


Figure 28: "Make Target" tab (in red square)

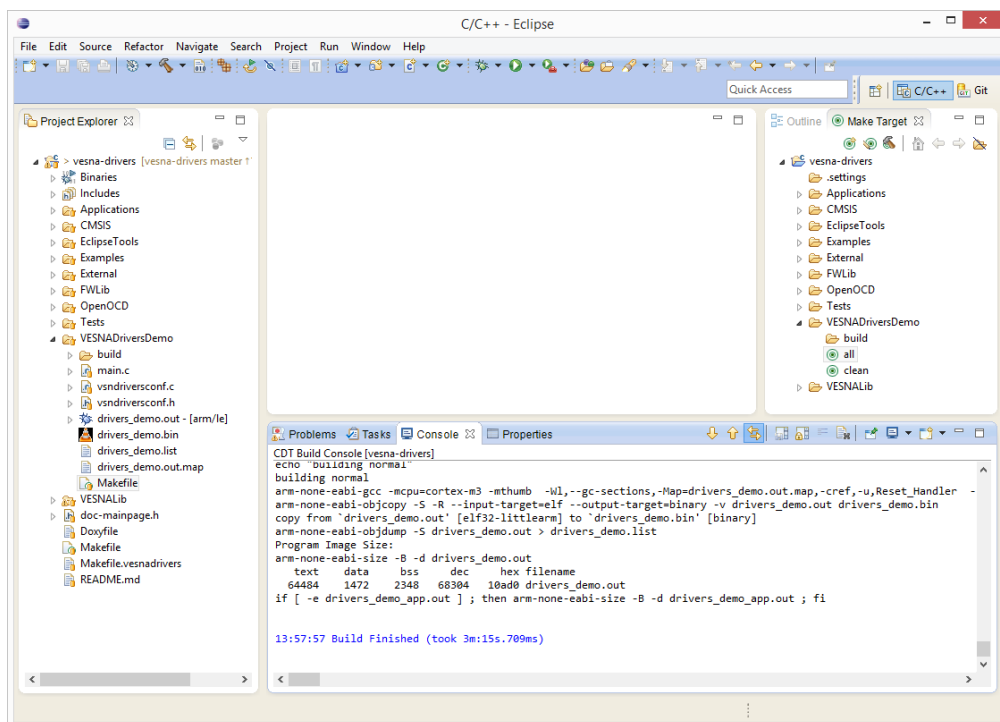


Figure 29: Building the code

9 Upload the project and start debug

Now connect the SNC board to the debugger and power supply. Click on the arrow in the *"External Tools"* icon and select *"OpenOCD-STLinkV2 VESNA Drivers Debug"* (Figure 30). This will start OpenOCD, connect STLink V2 debugger to OpenOCD and configure SNC for debugging.

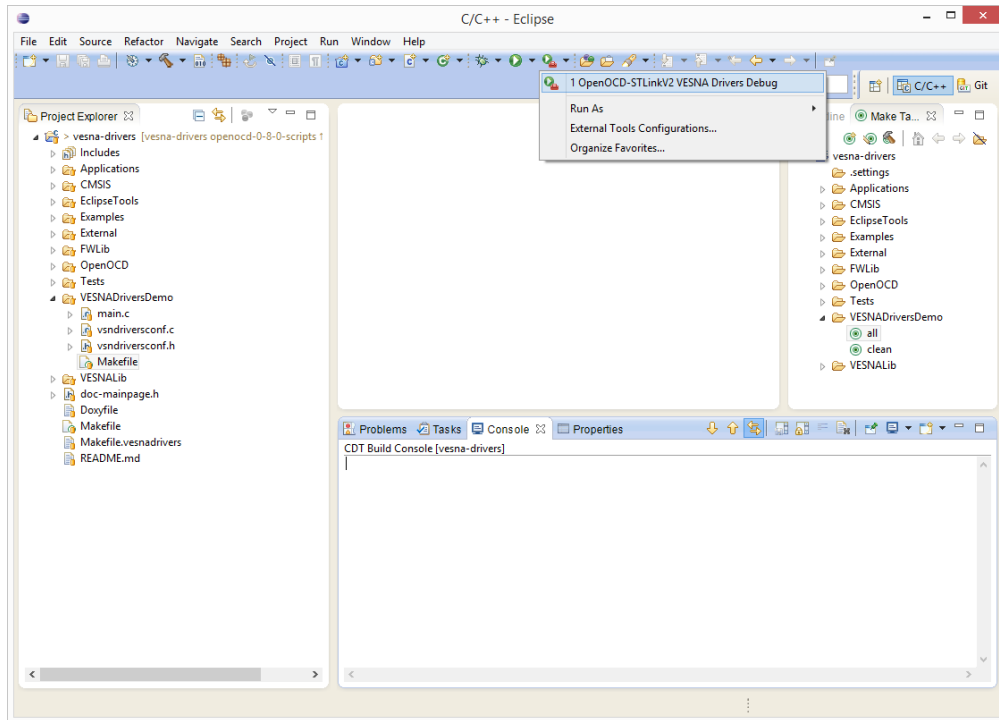


Figure 30: External tool selection

If all is working you should see something like this in the *"Console"* window on Figure 31.

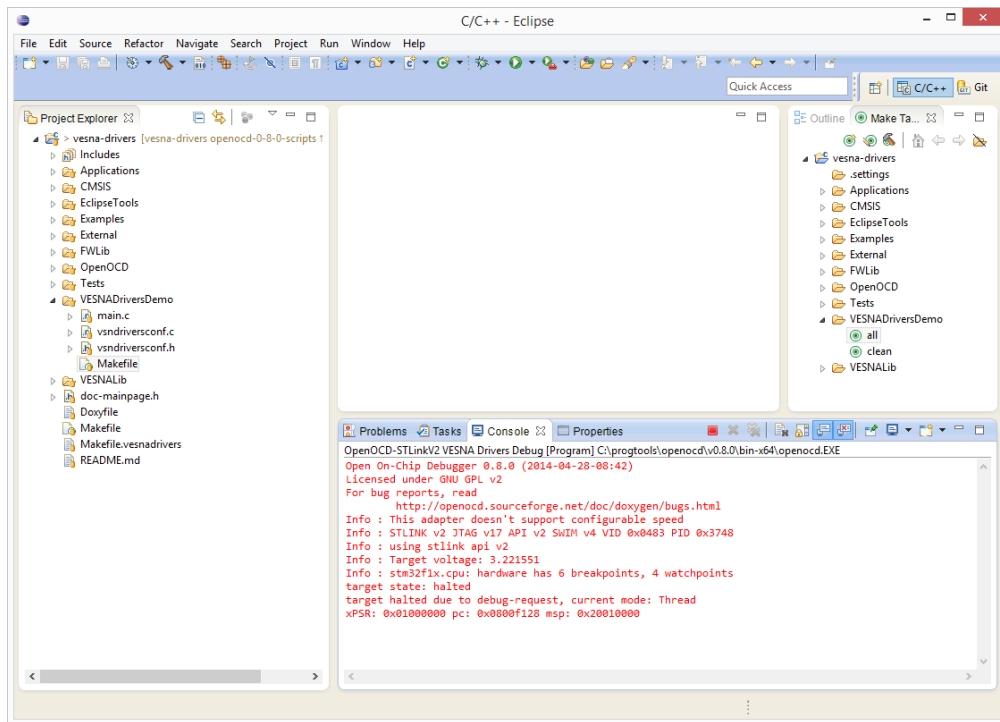


Figure 31: External tool running

This means that the debugger hardware is found and it is connected to SNC. Now start the debugger by clicking on the arrow in "Debugger configuration" icon and click on the "VESNA Drivers Load and Debug" (Figure 32). This will upload the software to SBC and start the debugger.

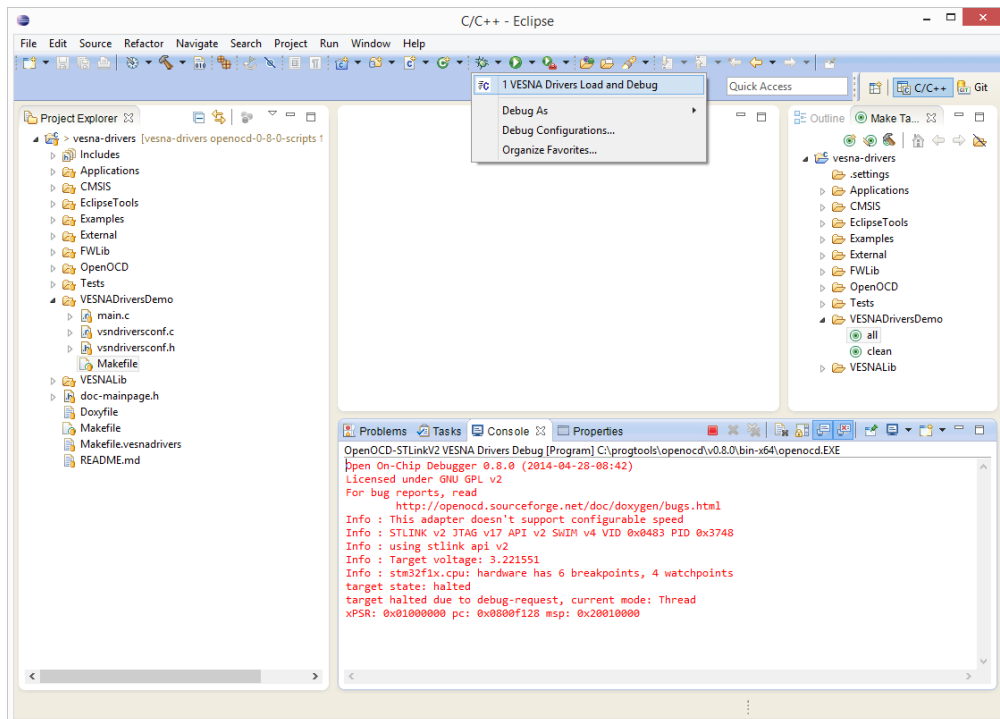


Figure 32: Debugger configuration

You are prompted to switch the view to the *"Debug"* perspective, click *Yes* (Figure 33).

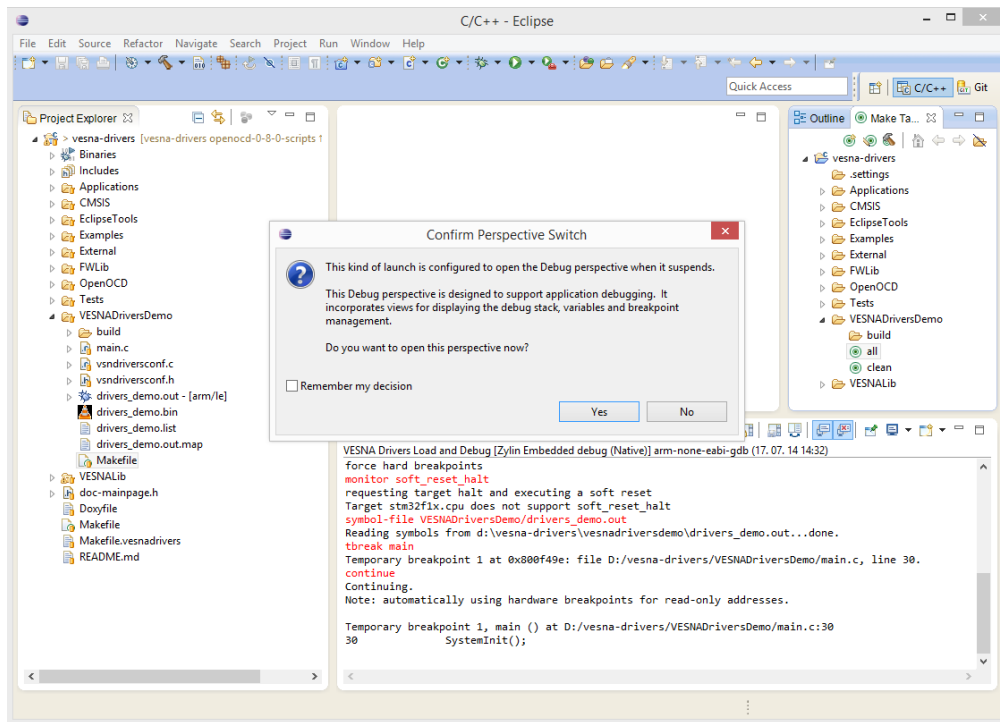


Figure 33: Prompt to switch to "Debug" perspective

Now you should see something like Figure 34. The program is automatically paused at the first line of main. The current position of the program in the code can be seen in the code tab (green rectangle). The pausing and running of the program can be controlled with the debug controls (yellow rectangle). Variables can be inspected in the "Variables" tab (red rectangle). Running debug tools (OpenOCD and GDB) can be seen in the "Debug" tab (blue frame). You can also see the current stack composition in the "Debug" window if you look under the "Thread[1].." line.

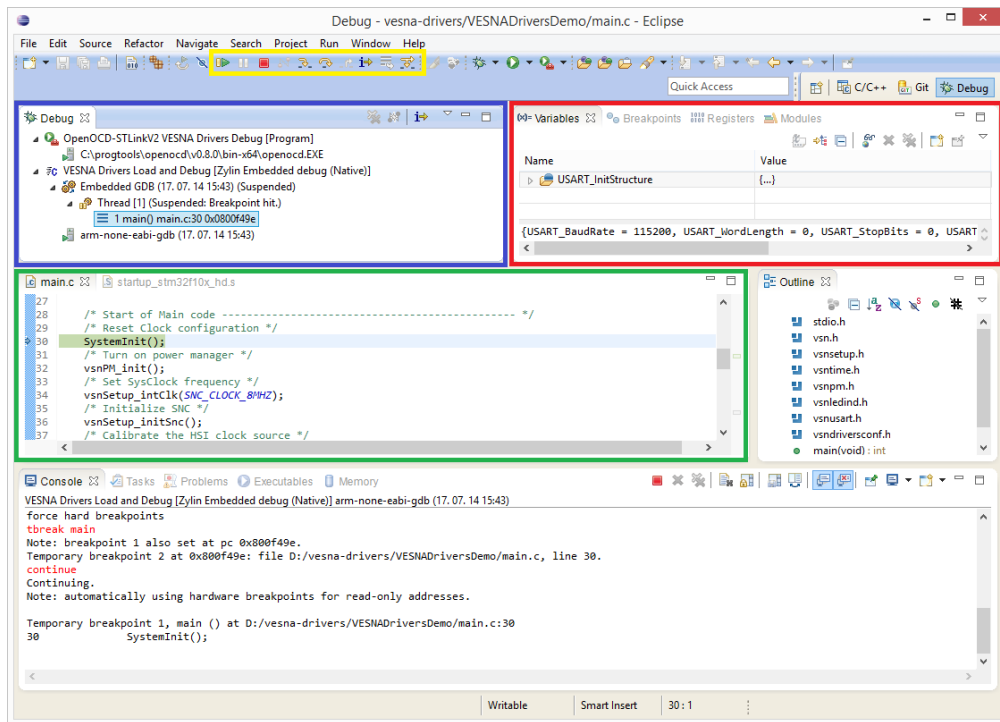


Figure 34: Debug perspective, yellow frame: debug controls, blue frame: running debug tools and current stack position, red frame: local variables and green frame: current position in code

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